

Blandford Methodist Church: Sunday 22nd March

Good morning and welcome to our Morning Worship which is being led by Mr Brian Skelley. The stewards today are John Cornish and Joyce Wild. Thank you to Jean for the flowers. After the service, please join us in the hall for refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 29 th March	10.45 am	Palm Sunday: Ecumenical Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Dr Mark Kimber
Friday 3rd April	10.00 am	Good Friday: Service led by Revd Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 5 th April	6.00 am	Easter Sunday: Sunrise service at The Milldown
Sunday 5 th April	10.45 am	Easter Sunday: Morning Worship at BMC led by Miss Elizabeth Ward
Sunday 5 th April	12.00 noon	Easter Sunday: Churches Together event at the Parish Church (coffee from 11.30 am)
Sunday 12 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Joyce Wild
Sunday 19 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Dr Mark Kimber
Sunday 26 th April	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter McNeill
Tuesday 31 st March	12.00 noon	Funeral service for Graham Boyd
Sunday 3 rd May	10.45 am	Morning Worship led by Mr Rob White

Today's readings:

Psalm 130 (page 624)

John's Gospel Chapter 11 verses 1 - 45 (page 1077)

Colehill Methodist: Every Monday, 11.00 am to 12.00 noon(ish), Bible Study, coffee, prayers and plenty of chat. All welcome.

Circuit prayers: First Saturday of every month at 8.30 am at Holtwood Methodist Church.

Bible in a year: 22nd – 28th March: Joshua 10 – Judges 6 and Luke 1:39 – Luke 4

Meet Reverend Dr Mark Kimber: Most Fridays Mark will be available in the Okeford Room from 10.00 am to 11.00 am for anyone who wishes to have a chat with him. However, on the third Friday of each month there will be a session entitled '**Meeting with Mark**' to which you are cordially invited.

Save the dates from recent Church Council Meeting:

Sunday 17th May: Church Anniversary and Gift Day, followed by lunch

Saturday 13th June: Beetle Drive in aid of our church charities

Sunday 14th June: General Church Meeting following morning service (bring packed lunch)

Sunday 4th October: Harvest Festival, followed by lunch

Friday 16th October: 3.00 pm, Church Council Meeting

Easter Offerings: This year, the Methodist Church is supporting the work of the World Church, helping to transform the lives of vulnerable men, women and children through partnerships around the globe. If you would like to contribute, please use the Easter Offering Envelopes for your **cash** donation. These can be found on the table in the Narthex.

If you are able to Gift Aid your gift, this adds 25p to every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Please ensure envelopes are returned by Sunday 12th April at the latest, then they will be passed to David Wild, our Treasurer. Thank you.

Joyce Wild

Graham Boyd: Graham's funeral will take place at our church on Tuesday 31st March at 12.00 noon. Reverend Dr Mark Kimber will lead the service after which Colin Close Funeral Directors will take the coffin straight for cremation. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

Joyce Wild

Woodlands Methodist: Worship For You, Sunday 12th April, 6.00 pm. This is a first for street pastors from Bournemouth to come to Woodlands Methodist, so come and join us to hear what it is all about.

Easter Open Day: Highcliffe Methodist Church has recently completed its new High Street entrance, and everyone is warmly invited to join the celebration of this new space for the whole community. The Grand Opening will take place at 12.00 noon on Saturday 4th April, with free coffee and cake served from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm.

Gardening tools: If you have any gardening tools that are in good condition and you no longer need them, could Joyce have them for her grandson who is now doing gardening. Thank you.

Joyce Wild

Blandford Foodbank is urgently in need of (updated 10.3.26) – Cereal, Jam, Marmalade, Tinned meat, UHT milk, Rice, Tinned carrots,. Other donations of food or household goods are also welcomed. For those able to support the Foodbank with items, a box has been placed in the Narthex as a collection point.

John Cornish

Prayer: Please can we remember to uphold in prayer those members of our congregation we know are ill or suffering in some way.

If you know of anyone who would like prayer and be mentioned by name in The Link, please let me know (having obtained their permission first to mention them by name).

Minister: Reverend Dr Mark Kimber

Enquiries via Lead Steward, John Cornish, on 07799 516 735

Pastoral Support: Joyce Wild: Tel: 01258 454091